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NETWORK, ITS BASE STATION, AND TERMINAL

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2002-33764, published January 31, 2002 (previously submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement filed December 22, 2005).
2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2002-290480, published October 4, 2002 (with English abstract).

One copy of above listed reference 2 submitted herewith. A copy of above listed reference 1 is not submitted herewith as it has been previously submitted.

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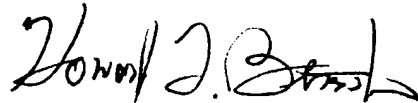
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Claims: 5 and 8

Cited literature: 1

Remarks:

(0045) of Cited Literature 1 describes using a wireless LAN as the wireless access scheme, so Figure 1 of Cited Literature 1 is found to be a wireless LAN network comprising a base station (“wireless LAN base station”), mobile node (“wireless LAN terminal”) and authentication server AAAH (“server”).

Furthermore, in the first embodiment described in (0047) through (0164) of Cited Literature 1, referring in particular to (0052), (0079), (0094), and (0144)–(0148), it is stated that AAAH performs authentication using the mobile node or user NAI (“user authentication”) and distributes the service profile (“QoS service content”) corresponding to the authenticated mobile node to the mobile node, and the mobile node performs priority control according to the priority information in the service profile distributed from AAAH and containing the QoS.

For user authentication using an authentication server in a wireless LAN, besides Cited Literature 1, the method whereby the mobile node first transmits an authentication request to the wireless LAN base station is also well known, as described in Cited Literature 2 ((0020), Figure 3 and Figure 4).

Furthermore, while Cited Literature 1 does not specifically mention that the AAAH also sends information for identifying mobile nodes when distributing service profiles to mobile nodes, since a service profile corresponds to a mobile node, no remarkable difficulty can be found in additionally sending information for identifying a mobile node.

List of Cited Literature

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2002-033764
- 2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2002-290480